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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

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For: **AERODYNAMIC STANDOFFS TO  
AIR COOL DISC TYPE AUTO BRAKE  
ROTORS**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Office Action mailed June 11, 2002 regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amendments and following remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5, 21 and 25 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A mounting hat for a brake rotor comprising:  
a lower section coupled to an upper section,  
a plurality of aerodynamically shaped standoff vanes each having a leading edge, a trailing edge, a top and a bottom coupled to the upper section, the aerodynamically shaped standoff vanes space apart the upper section from a brake rotor, wherein the leading edge and the trailing edge are curved; and

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